

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

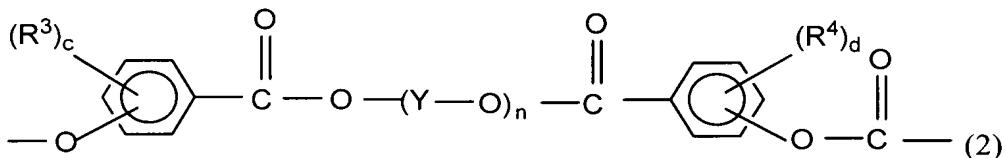
Claims 1-10 remain cancelled.

Claims 11-30 remain pending.

No new matter is believed to have been added.

The anticipation rejection of Claims 11-30 as being unpatentable in view of

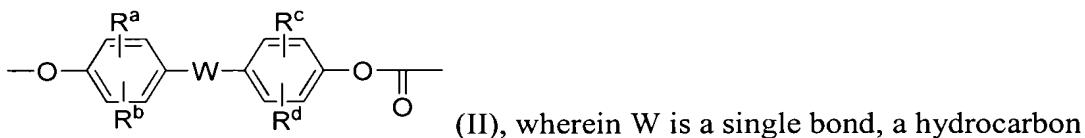
US20050119441 (“441”) is respectfully traversed, because ‘441’ does not describe or suggest every feature of present Claim 11 and the claims depending therefrom. Present Claim 11 contains the feature that the copolycarbonate comprises the repetitive unit represented by the formula (2)



wherein Y represents a linear or branched alkylene groups having 2 to 15 carbon atoms and n is an integer from 2 to 450.

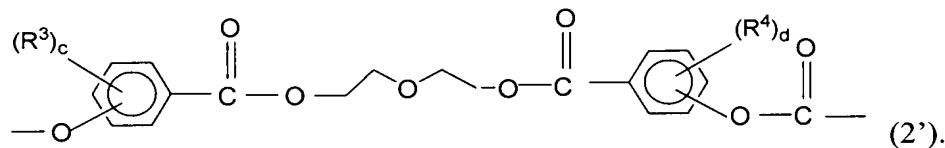
The Office has cited ‘441’, formula (II), to supply the repetitive unit (2) of Claim 11.

The unit of formula (II) of ‘441’ has the following formula:

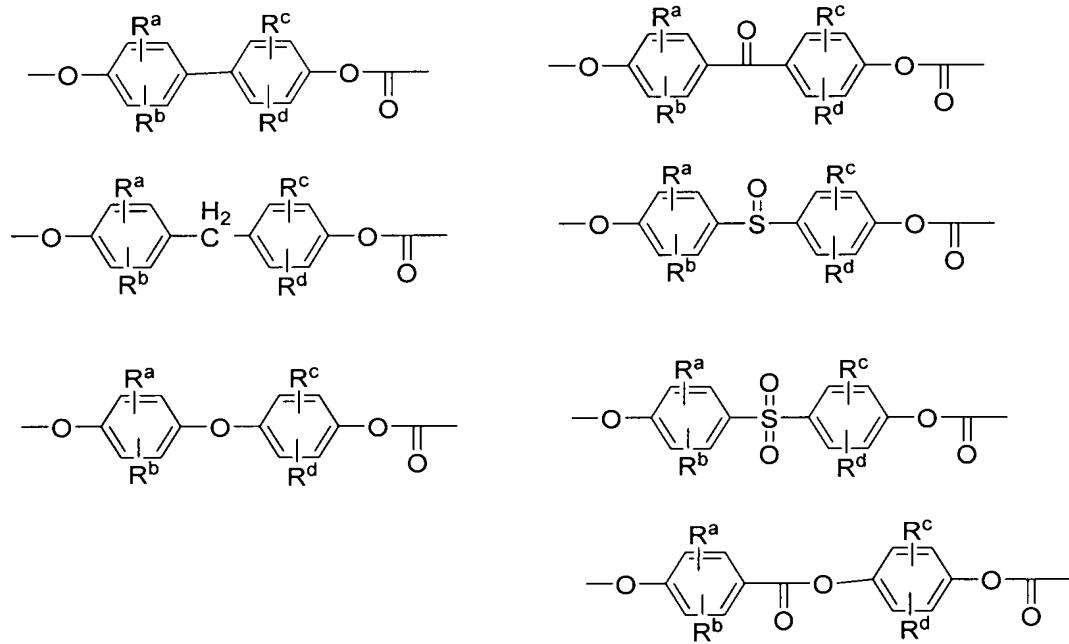


wherein W is a single bond, a hydrocarbon group which may contain an aromatic having 1 to 20 carbon atoms or an O, SO, SO₂, CO, or COO group (see, for example, the Abstract of ‘441’ and paragraph 38 of ‘441’).

Using, as an example, the situation where n is equal to 2 and the alkylene group is equal to Y is an ethylene radical, the formula (2) would have the following structure (2’):



The question then becomes, can the formula (II) of '441', when w is substituted as described, yield the unit 2'. Substituting each listed element for W in formula (II) of '441' yields the following compounds:



None of the compounds contains the linker $\text{O} \text{---} \text{CH}_2 \text{---} \text{O} \text{---} \text{CH}_2 \text{---} \text{O}$ as found in 2'. Accordingly, '441' does not describe or suggest every element of present Claim 11 and the claims depending therefrom. Withdrawal of the anticipation rejection is requested on this basis alone.

Further, because '441' does not describe or suggest a repetitive unit formula (2) of Claim 11, as described above, '441' cannot therefore describe the Claim 11 feature that the

content of the repetitive unit represented by formula (2) is 1 to 30%. Withdrawal of the anticipation rejection is requested on this basis alone.

Finally, Applicants submit that '441 does not describe or suggest the viscosity number feature found in present Claim 11. Withdrawal of the anticipation rejection is requested on this basis alone.

For all of the above described reasons, '441 does not anticipate present Claim 11 and the claims depending therefrom. Withdrawal of the anticipation rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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